

Exodus Study Questions Week 6

Many of us have active imaginations. We imagine what we'll be someday. We imagine what direction our lives will take. We imagine what a person would be like if we met them. You might imagine what a relationship would be like with someone you've just met. Sometimes our imaginations match reality. Other times...not so much!

Main Text: Exodus 11:1-12:32

Connect

1. Think of something you used to imagine about your life—maybe what you would be, what school you'd attend, the kind of lifestyle you would live. So far, how has your imagined life compared with what has really happened?

2. Have you ever imagined a person to be different from who they really were once you got to know them better? If so, tell your group about it.

3. What did you find most significant from this week's sermon?

Understand

1. Read chapter 11. What's different about this plague in comparison to the previous nine? Note, for example, who's actively carrying it out.

2. What are some of the contrasts you see in chapter 11 between the Egyptians and the people of Israel? How about between Pharaoh and Moses?

3. Read chapter 12, verses 1-28. What do you observe about the commands to remember what God was doing? How are the people of Israel to remember?

4. Read down through verse 32. The plagues have unfolded exactly as the LORD said, with Pharaoh sending the Israelites out of Egypt. What are the major symbols the Israelites are supposed to use to remember God's deliverance in future years?

5. Read Luke 22:7-23. What relationships do you see between the first Passover and this "second Passover" with Jesus?

Apply

1. While we seek to know God as He truly is, we're prone to imagining things about Him that aren't true. How does the account of the Passover relate to your understanding of who God is?

2. These chapters show God to be both the deliverer and judge. How do you think about these two facets of who God is? Are they complimentary or do they seem to contradict?

3. If God is both a deliverer and judge, what difference do you think this makes to your life and to the issues you're facing today? Is it encouraging or does it stir up some other emotion(s)?

4. God delivers those who, by faith, follow His ways. It was true of the first Passover with all the specific instructions and it's true for us now. What does it mean for us to follow His ways by faith today?

5. We can have a lot of unanswered questions about the Passover! One of the most essential things we should be clear on, though, is that the same God of the first Passover is the same God in the second. What does it mean to you that Jesus would serve as the Lamb of God (John 1:35-36)?